

Town of Greenwich

Meeting Board of Selectmen

August 23, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Town Hall Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 10:09 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Attendance:

- a. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei - Present
- b. Selectman John Toner - Present
- c. Selectman Sandy Litvack – Absent

Following the Pledge, Mr. Tesei greeted and welcomed attendees commenting that it was a Regular Meeting, not a public hearing, of the Board of Selectmen who reserve the right to call on people to ask questions and make comments.

2. Approval of Minutes.

- a. Minutes of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2018 were moved for approval by Mr. Toner, and seconded by Mr. Tesei. The motion passed unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Updates – Peter J. Tesei

Mr. Tesei said that on Aug. 16 the Fairfield 5 met to continue discussions on furthering its position to draw businesses into the region. The intention is to promote the area's intellectual capital – residents, government, volunteers and industry. There also was discussion of having an issues forum with the gubernatorial candidates. The meeting was followed by the monthly meeting of the WestCoG and MPO.

Mr. Tesei said that also on Aug. 16, there was a meeting with counsel to continue discussions on settling the lawsuit against Eversource on the planned Railroad Avenue substation. In the event there is a settlement, it would only need approval of the Board of Selectmen.

On Aug. 22, Mr. Tesei and a few key Town officials met with representatives from AT&T to review plan for their Smart Cities initiative that involves technology infrastructure. He said it will play a role in the 2019 PoCD.

He also read a 'thank you' note from a resident thanking Town employees for their quick response and work, as well as a note from Mary Radcliffe, the president of the Greenwich Symphony, thanking the Parks & Recreation Department for its work on the summer music program.

Mr. Tesei also announced the establishment of the Greenwich Kindness Rocks Garden which will be officially opened on Sept. 7. It will be located at the front corner of Town Hall and is the result of the efforts of the friends and family of Steven Suddell. He thanked the Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments for their efforts to create the garden.

Mr. Tesei announced that the Greenwich Public Safety Complex Atrium will be named after five-term former First Selectman John B. Margenot Jr. at a dedication ceremony on Sept. 8. He thanked Greenwich Time/ Hearst Connecticut Media and editor Tom Mellana for their assistance in providing numerous photographs of Mr. Margenot for the program.

4. Old Business

There was none.

5. New Business

a. Resolution to amend Town Charter to clarify role of Condemnation Commission – John Eddy, RTM Special Committee on the Condemnation Commission.

Mr. Eddy, chair of the RTM Appointments Committee, and Arline Lomazzo, of the RTM Public Works Committee, were in attendance to explain and answer questions about the proposed amendment to the Town Charter regarding the Condemnation Commission. Mr. Eddy said the changes to the regulations that were written in 1931 need to be initiated by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Tesei thanked Mr. Eddy for his ongoing efforts to clarify, improve and update various Town regulations. He also said that the Selectmen would hear the proposal at today's meeting and would vote upon them at their next meeting.

6. Appointments and Nominations

There were none.

7. Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and settlement of claims; and to interview candidates for Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Toner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Tesei to enter Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. It was unanimously approved.

Mr. Toner made a motion to exit the Executive Session that was seconded by Mr. Tesei and unanimously approved by the Board at 11:57 a.m.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Upon a second by

Mr. Tesei, the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.


Peter J. Tesei, First Selectman


Prepared by Barbara A. Heins,
Recording Secretary